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METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENABLING DISINTERMEDIATION, AND RECEIVER
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0008557 A1 in view of Applicant's own admissions.

The Stefik et al. reference discloses a system for controlling the distribution and use of rendered digital works through watermarking, in which a digital work is encoded and transmitted to a rendering repository. The rendering repository decodes the digital work, gathers data for and creates a digital watermark, and renders the digital work including the watermark (page 4, paragraph [0060]).

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